

Paging on VHF public safety frequencies:

Paging should be prohibited on certain VHF frequencies used for mutual aid communications. It should be allowed on other VHF public safety frequencies as needed so long as the users bear proper station license to utilize those frequencies>

(1) Paging, repeater stations and, all other non-voice operation needs to be eliminated from the following VHF public safety frequencies within and surrounding the State of Oklahoma:

(A) 154.1300 MHz (utilized statewide for fire suppression operations=97commonly known as the =93State Fire Net=94

(B) 155.3400 MHz (medical mutual aid, also monitored by hospital emergency rooms to receive patient data concerning incoming medical patients)

(C) 155.4900 MHz (utilized statewide for law enforcement operations=97police mutual aid channel)

(D) 155.6700 MHz (police intersystem channel=97agency to agency contacts as needed)

(E) 155.2350 MHz (Statewide Emergency Management/Civil Defense operations; base, mobile and, portables)

(F) 155.1250 MHz (Statewide Emergency Management/Civil Defense Channel; mobile and portable operations)

(G) 155.7600 MHz (used statewide for all functions of local

government including critical infrastructure operations [electric, water, sewer, gas] as well as police, fire, medical and, civilian defense)

(2) An absolute prohibition of paging operations on the above listed frequencies should be maintained.

(3) This so as to avoid interference to on-going mutual aid communications.

(4) These frequencies are commonly operated as FM simplex channels in Oklahoma; repeater stations, paging and, data operations will cause interference to on-going mutual aid communications on the above listed frequencies. The use of any type of coded squelch systems on these frequencies is also to be discouraged due to interference issues that can occur from lack of proper monitoring of the above listed frequencies.

(5) Existing licensees should be required to move any and all paging, data and, repeater station operations away from the above listed frequencies.

(6) Many, if not all, areas of the United States have specific frequencies that are utilized for mutual aid communications. The use of paging, data and, repeater station operations should be prohibited on these frequencies. The use of coded squelch systems shall also be discouraged on these frequencies.

There will certainly be some disadvantages to the prohibition of paging on the above listed frequencies; however, the advantage of such prohibition is

the ability of public safety officials to communicate with other public safety officials anywhere in a given area, without undue interference, on commonly known frequencies set aside for mutual aid use. Such commonly known frequencies are usually designated across an entire state or states for mutual aid usage only.

The disadvantages with such prohibition are two fold:

1) Transferring existing operations from these =93mutual aid=94 frequencies will incur expense on the part of each licensee and their associated users. This expense will arise as individual radio sets are re-configured to different frequencies from the =93mutual aid=94 frequencies.

Individual radio sets include base stations (including repeater stations), mobile stations, portable stations and, various paging/signaling receivers.

2) It will result in a reduction, although likely to be an insignificant reduction, in frequencies available for public safety operations.

Cross band and mobile repeaters:

These should be allowed under Part 90 as needed by licensees where they do not become the cause of significant interference and/or loss of

available

frequencies. Repeater operation of any type under Part 90 should be restricted to that which is absolutely necessary. Municipal agencies (city, town, borough, etc.) frequently request the use of repeater stations in situations where, when technical issues and needs of radio users are considered, the use of repeater stations is unnecessary and unwarranted.

Expired licenses:

Co-ordination shall not be allowed of frequencies associated with expired license(s) until said frequencies actually become available under the current guidelines. This allows licensees the most complete opportunity to renew their licenses without undue penalty and/or regulatory burden.

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